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Takeshi Nogami et al.

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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE, POLISHING
APPARATUS, AND POLISHING METHOD

Examiner: F. L. Toledo

REQUEST FOR PANEL REVIEW

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Dear Sir:

This is in full and timely response to the Office Action mailed on January 9, 2006.
Reexamination in light of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 19, 31 - U.S. Patent No. 5,911,619 to Uzoh et al. (Uzoh) arguably teaches a polishing pad 64, and a platen 62 and a rotatable shaft 68 (Uzoh at Figure 7). Uzoh arguably teaches a rotatable workpiece carrier 66 for holding a wafer W (Uzoh at Figure 7). Uzoh arguably teaches a container 70 coupled to a conduit 72 arranged and dimensioned for dispensing an electrolytic polishing slurry 74 onto the pad 64 during a normal operation of the apparatus 60 (Uzoh at Figure 7). Uzoh arguably teaches a source 80 to vary the electrochemical current i (Uzoh at Figure 11a).

The claims include a movement and positioning means for moving and positioning said polishing tool to a target position in a direction facing said polishing object. The specification as originally filed teaches the presence of a Z-axis positioning mechanism 31 for positioning the polishing tool holder 11 to the target position in the Z-axial direction